

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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## Best Wishes And Christmas Greetings To All Heaven's Gift

GOD GAVE HIS ONLY SON, JESUS  
OF NAZARETH

S. W. Latimer, General Overseer

**F**OR unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:11-14.

As we approach this blessed day, the celebration of the birthday of our Christ, it is with great joy in our hearts and thanksgiving to God and best wishes to all. Some have objected to the joy and merry making of this blessed day. Of course we object to the way thousands of people celebrate the birthday of Christ but if we will take notice we will see how the people of Bethlehem rejoiced, not only the inhabitants of that fair land but the heavenly host came on the scene. Imagine the hills covered with poppies and cattle and sheep peacefully resting when suddenly the heavens were lit up and Heaven's choir began to sing the carols of joy, peace and good will toward men. The shepherds rushed from their places into the little city and found, as the announcing angel had said, the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. The wise men also came from the East to visit Him and they gave Him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh, the very best in their treasures. I think of all the tokens of love and respect the most beautiful are those we give to others at this time. God gave to this world His only begotten Son who brought peace, joy and gladness. Heaven doesn't need our perish-

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### THE STAR OF LOVE

Nona Dame, Evangelist

Luke 2:10, "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Christmas joys are here again. This is the time when life seems best.

Old and young, rich and poor alike find in it a joyousness which no other season possesses. It is the glory of the passing years and the sweet-ness of their music, and the truth of its real mean-ing will make our hearts happy long after its joys are over. At Christmas it seems to be easier for the rich to greet the poor and the proud to speak to the humble. Why? Probably due to the fact that the spirit of the event almost 2000 years ago still lingers near. Let us remember that though He was rich yet for our sake He became poor that through His poverty we might be rich. Christmas day was first observed about A.D. 98 in honor of the birth of our Lord, six miles to the south of Jerusalem. This is the village of Bethlehem. Here King David was born and watched his father's flock. Almost 2000 years ago two travelers, Mary and Joseph, descendants of the royal line of David, came from Nazareth to Bethlehem to register for taxation. Other travelers were also in Bethlehem and Mary and Joseph finding no room in the inn were compelled to pass the night in a stable. Their journey was long and difficult yet had a glorious ending for here Christ was born. Their journey was a type of the Christian's journey from this world to the glory land, though long and difficult, yet if pursued, will end in Glory and Heaven in the day of which grace is the dawn. Mary brought forth her first-born Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. No downy pillow white and soft with silken covers spread was offered to this Holy Child wherein to lay His head, and we, because of sin, are like an outcast infant, helpless and forlorn. His attendants, the rude cattle, yet less rude than man; the

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### Holy Ghost Bubbling Up

**F**ELTON, Ga.—How happy it makes me to think what a wonderful Savior I have. I do not get to go to church any now. I live where there is no Church of God. I am so hungry to be in service. I hope God will send some Church of God preacher here to run a revival.

I am still on the road to heaven and mean to make heaven my home no matter what the cost may be. Every day I serve God it puts me one round higher. Some of these old days I am going over the top into the promised land where I can see my loved ones gone on before. I have two little girls in heaven. Sometimes I get homesick to go home and see them. I feel the Holy Ghost bubbling up in my soul as I write. I am so glad I am one in the number who serve Him. The way gets brighter every day to me. I can't praise God enough. Sometimes I think about Jesus being so good to me and I feel like running and shouting all over these old hills and hollows. I do love Jesus. He promised He would go with us even to the end. He will take care of us. Oh how I love Him for He first loved me. May God bless you all in my prayer. Pray for my unsaved family and for me to be faithful until He comes or calls.—Mrs. Alice Latimer, Rt. 1.

### CHRIST'S PURPOSE FOR COMING TO EARTH

Joe R. Little

#### CHRIST'S PART

Christmas time is near,  
The joy bells are ringing,  
The birthday of our Savior dear,  
(His praise we should all be singing.

Nineteen hundred and thirty-four  
years ago  
In the city of Bethlehem so fair,  
Th' exact date we do not know,

Jesus was born in a stable there.

He came down to this world

To seek and save the lost,

He can save every man, woman, boy

and girl,

For He has already paid the cost.

What effect has He had on your heart?

Do you think of Him still?

Do you stand to your post and do your part?

Do you strive to stay in His will?

It is all left in your own hand

So to His plea do not say, No.

You can reign with Him in the glory land

Or will dwell with demons below.

Into this world for a purpose He came,

This purpose accomplished He went up above,

But soon He's coming back again

To catch away His own and beloved.

#### OUR PART

When Jesus comes knocking at your heart  
Open the door and let Him in;

Do not say, From me depart

For I am having a good time in sin.

When you are going down the street

And you meet a beggar old and gray,

Give him some money as a Christmas treat

To help him on his way.

When you think of the orphan children

In Cleveland, Tennessee,

Think of your own children

Who some day orphans may be.

Then as you would have others

Do unto them as you would have done

Do ye likewise unto others

And it will come back to your home.

Be ye kind to poor sinners

And invite them to God;

Try to be a soul winner

E'er you are laid beneath the sod.

Do your best for God and your home,

For your city and your land,

Then you will have a home sweet home

Over on the golden strand.

### A GOOD REVIVAL

**O**RLANDO, Fla.—On the night of Nov. 5 we launched a campaign against the devil at this place which continued for three and one half weeks with Brother Earl Paulk of Surrenny, Ga. in charge. We can truthfully say we heard more of the real gospel preached than we had ever heard before in this period of time.

Brother Paulk's manner of preaching is giving what thus saith the Word with chapter and verse from memory. Surely it can be said of Brother Paulk, He preaches "The Gospel."

The devil got mad of course but God blessed just the same and gave us souls. Eleven received the Holy Ghost, eight were baptized in water, ten came into the church, and others are to come in soon.

We do not believe the small numbers given above really give the results of this revival, but we believe eternity alone will reveal the good that was done for both saint and sinner.

Sister Lois Sheffield of Wimauma rendered excellent music at the piano, also her special singing was enjoyed by all.

We also have a goodly number of young people here with salvation and our Y. P. E. is doing some good work.

To Brother Charles Dugger in Bible School: If you read this, remember the young people are anxiously awaiting your return to join us again in Y. P. E.—Maggie Chesser, 13 S. Parramore St.

Annie Ruth Bridges,

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:8-14.

From the regions of love, lo, an angel descended  
And told the strange news how the babe was attended.  
Go, shepherds, and visit the wonderful stranger.

See yonder bright star? There's your Lord in a manger.

Glad tidings I bring unto you and each nation,  
Glad tidings of joy, now behold your salvation!

Then suddenly multitudes raised their glad voices  
In praise to the Redeemer while heaven rejoiced.

Glory to God in the highest is given,  
Glory to God is reechoed thru heaven.

All through the earth let us tell the glad story,  
And sing of His love, His salvation, and glory.

Enraptured, I burn with delight and desire,  
Such love so divine sets my soul all on fire.

Around the bright throne hosannas  
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We invite all the workers to send us  
reports of interest from the battlefield.  
If nothing else, a postal card telling  
where you are this week.

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**EDITORIALS**

On Dec. 14 Brother Boehmer's invalid child passed into eternity. He was sixteen years old and had been an invalid all his life. We sympathize with Brother and Sister Boehmer, knowing their love for their helpless child is very great. And while their hearts are torn and bleeding, yet there is a measure of gladness in knowing his sufferings are all passed and he is now at rest. I have been in Brother Boehmer's home at intervals for more than ten years and took special notice to the love and sympathy that was given the invalid child. Everything was done for him that could have been to make him happy and healthy. They never seemed to tire or complain in the least. The greatest desire of their hearts seemed to be to do something for their invalid child to make him happy and comfortable.

Because of the sickness and death of the child, Brother Boehmer has gotten behind with his correspondence. As you know, Brother Boehmer has been very prompt in replying to all correspondents and will get to all those expecting a reply soon.

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Those who failed to give us your order for Sunday School literature in time to get it filled before Christmas, we trust will receive it in time for the beginning of the year. However, the mails are crowded at this season and it may be delayed. You who have not ordered yet, send us your order. We think we have plenty to supply everyone and want to get it to you in time to begin the quarter if possible. We should all make our plans to have a good Sunday School next year. Be sure to order plenty of literature to supply everyone who may attend your school. It is very discouraging to go to Sunday School and not get any literature. It is true some will take literature home with them and never bring it back to Sunday School, but remember it does not cost much and the most of the folks who get literature pay for it and many times give liberally to the church. If you are stingy with the folks who come, they are very likely to be stingy with you and the church and Sunday School. I notice the most prosperous schools have a good supply of literature and hand it out freely to all who may attend their school, making them feel welcome.

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I have received a letter from J. R. Thomas, Christopher, Ill., stating they are in the midst of a great revival. Several have prayed thru to victory already. The altar is filled with anxious seekers and the house with interested listeners. We are praising the Lord for the good revivals. We have learned long ago that the winter is a good time to put on a revival.

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Remember there will be no Evangel Christmas week. The next issue will be Jan. 3, 1931.

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This week H. L. Whittington sends ten subscriptions to the Evangel: Mrs. H. J. French, seven; A. L. Smith, four; Viola Wright, four. We have received eighty-six since last issue. How many shall we expect for Christmas week? Watch for the report.

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We have just received a telegram from Brother J. B. Ellis, stating that his son, Otis Ellis, is dead. Brother and Sister Ellis and their children and relatives have our deepest sympathy at this hour of bereavement and trouble. His death must have come very unexpectedly.

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Mail us a card at once for one of our beautiful, new catalogs of Bibles, books, religious literature, etc.

CHURCH OF GOD PUB. HOUSE  
Cleveland, Tennessee

**Notices & Specials**

To the brothers and sisters and co-workers throughout the State of South Carolina: As we feel and see the financial depression hovering over the land as it is today, we need to awake and be about our Father's business as never before. How can we do this? By complying with the Word of God.

The Church of God is an enterprise for God and every member has or should have an interest in it. To do so we surely have to put something in.

What have you done, what are you willing to do? I fancy I hear some say, I will give the tenth. You can do this and still not have an interest. We have to go beyond this in order to have an interest in the enterprise of God. I want an interest in it, don't you? How can I? "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2. "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Matt. 22:39. The laity can do its part by standing by the pastor and local church and the pastor can do his part by carrying out the rulings of the Assembly and seeing that the state overseer is cared for and doesn't have to go hungry. The state overseer can do his part by seeing that the needs at Headquarters are supplied by boosting every angle of the church work.

I, for one, have a greater determination to do what I can in every way for the church. Come on, ministers and coworkers in South Carolina, and let's this be the best year for South Carolina Pastors, it brings joy to our hearts when we are in need of bread and our little ones probably cold for the lack of proper clothing to keep them warm and some one comes in with groceries and clothes to warm our little ones. Let's not forget our neighbor when our needs are supplied. As work is scarce in this state and the tithes are small as we know, I feel it would please God for each pastor to take up an offering or fall on some plan to send a dollar or five dollars or what you can with each report you send the state overseer as he is not pastoring any church and is giving his entire time to the work of the state. Let's try to keep him on the field. He told me when he visited the work here in Rock Hill of which I have charge that he wanted to get at least twelve new churches in the state this year. I noticed a report in the Evangel of one already, leaving only eleven to get.

You had better not pass this by too lightly and not give it a thought as God prompted me to write this, I am sure. Some ministers may say the home church is in debt and they don't get what they ought to. Listen, brother or sister, let's deny ourselves in order that God may be glorified. If I had looked at self I never would have written this for even now when I stand before my congregation I have to do so with patched clothes and it hasn't been a year since my children ate cold corn bread. Thanks be to God, there is coming a time when things will change. Let's be abased in order to exalt the church.—One who loves the Church of God and what it stands for, Geo. W. Cooper, 171 W. White St., Rock Hill, S. C.

I thank the dear saints for their prayers. God heard our cries and sent our state overseer, Brother Oglesby, by. Truly the Lord met with us Saturday night and put His approval on the spirit being free. We have started our regular meeting and Sunday School again. Will you continue to pray for us to rise and shine for His glory?—Stella Walker, Stroud, Okla.

There will be an all day meeting on Christmas Day at Marion, Va. The church at Wytheville, Chilhowie, Fox Creek, and Troutdale will meet here for the purpose of enjoying themselves. The doors will be open by 9:00 A. M. Speakers will be selected. We will be glad for all the music from all places to be brought along. We want to have a good time in the Lord. Members from off a distance come on the day before and we will take care of you. We feel the need of banding together and seeing if we are the Church of God. Bring your lunch with you and if it is a bad day we will have a good church building and will take care of three or four hundred. I expect to see you Christmas day.—Alex Shaffer, district overseer and pastor, Marion, Va.

I am in New Mexico in the evangelistic work. Times being so hard and house rent so high here, I thought I would ask if some one has living tenement they will loan us. If so, write me stating the size and condition of the tenement. If more than one writes me, then I can order the one we prefer. We are suffering some here but we are expecting the Lord to provide a way for us. We have no church building here. We have preached several times in a pentecostal church building. This is a needy field and the people seem to be hungry for the true Word of God. Pray for us to be just what the Lord would have us be.—Elmer Thomas and family, Melrose, N. Mex.

Having been appointed Sunday School superintendent for the Lake land District by the Florida state su-

perintendent, I would like to get in

touch with all the superintendents of the Sunday Schools in this district, after the new appointment for the ensuing year. Let's make this the best. Let's carry the state banner to camp meeting. What do you say? Come on, Who will help me? I can almost hear you say, I.—B. W. Watson, 602 W. Emma St., Lakeland, Fla.

Remember the Church of God Beasley Chapel, Ripley, Tenn. will be called to regular conference the first Sunday in January, Jan. 4, 1931, at eleven o'clock. All members are invited to be present or send their letters. Our new pastor, Brother J. H. Morgan, will preach the first Saturday night and Sunday of each month if it's the Lord's will.—Yours in the Master's work, Mrs. Lucy Best, clerk, Rt. 1, Box 134, Ripley, Tenn.

Let us praise the Lord, one and all, For the star that's shining for the great and small, Glory to God in the highest For the star that shines the brightest.

Let us praise Him for His love For the brightest star above;

Glory and honor to Jesus of Bethlehem

Peace and good will toward all men.

also have other preachers who perhaps, would suit you better than I would should you need them. Please let us hear from you. We want to do all we can for the Lord this year.—Yours in the service of God, J. H. Morgan, district pastor, Rt. 1, Box 134, Ripley, Tenn.

Notice to Arkansans: The state is divided into districts as follows: Haynes District—Willie Mims, district overseer—churches, Poplar Grove, Haynes, Widener, Earle, and Step Rock.

Mountain District—R. R. Martin, district overseer—churches, Imboden, Evening Shade, Velvet Ridge, and Step Rock.

Northern District—L. L. Milam, district overseer—churches, Omaha and all territory nearby.

Bauxite District—W. I. Burford, district overseer—New Summit, Hidden, and all territory west.

Marked Tree District—I am seeing after this until I can get a district overseer—churches, Marked Tree, Shady Grove, Singer, Walnut Ridge, Paragould, Nettleton, Egypt, and Whitlow Grove.

Let's see who will get a church first.—Your overseer, J. A. McCullar, Rt. 1, Marked Tree, Ark.

We sing and preach the foursquare gospel and make a little music for the glory of God. We belong to the Church of God and trust the Lord for healing. If anyone wants a revival, we are open for calls in Georgia, Florida, or most any nearby state.—Y. P. McNear, 1313 Alpha St., Waycross, Ga.

I would like to know if there is an evangelist, Church of God band, man and wife, or woman who would like to have some one to go with them. If so, I would like to go as I love the Lord and His work. I can conduct prayer service and work in the altar and help sing. Write Carbon Hill Church of God, Carbon Hill, Ala. for recommendation. I have been a member there since the Church of God was first set in order there. I have been clerk and treasurer most of the time.—Pearly Ables, Rt. 2, Carbon Hill, Ala.

Since returning from California, we are contemplating on returning as far west as Utah in the Spring. We will therefore be able to fill some engagements from Jan. 1 to April 1. Will run revivals or lecture a few days on subjects of very much importance for our day, such as, "The Last Days," "Soon Coming of Christ," "Gentile Age (closing)," "Prophecy," etc. We expect to be in South Georgia and North Florida the first of the year. Write concerning your dates for engagements.—E. L. Moore, 123 24th St., Cleveland, Tenn.

**REQUESTS**

I want everyone who reads this to please pray for me that I will receive salvation before it is too late. Pray for mother to be healed of tonsilitis and some kind of spells. My sister's children have some kind of breaking out on their bodies. Pray for them. Please pray for my dad to receive the full blessing and for my soul.—Gertude Jennings, Monroe, Va.

We will have all day service and dinner Christmas. We are expecting a real good time from the Lord. We give a hearty welcome to all in the nearby towns and churches to come over and help us.

Our state overseer, Brother Oglesby, was with us the fifth and gave us a fine talk. He said he would be back soon. I believe he is a God-sent man. We mean to do our best by praying for him. He appointed Brother James A. Hall as pastor for the coming year. He is a real man of God.

It is getting close to time for our first quarterly conference. Anyone wishing to correspond with the church in anyway, notify the clerk. I will also take subscriptions for the Evangel at one dollar per year Christmas Day. Wiley E. Wright, clerk, Maud, Okla.

Please pray for my niece, Evelyn Jones, who has pneumonia, and my twin babies who have measles that they will not have pneumonia.—Mrs. Marvin Jones, Lithia, Fla.

Please have special prayer for my mother to be healed. She has been sick for four weeks. Pray earnestly that God will heal her.—Your humble sister in Christ, Mrs. P. C. Canup, Rt. 3, Box 118, Jasper, Fla.

My father is unsaved. Pray that God will bring him in before it is too late. He doesn't seem to like the good way of holiness. I am a little school boy and need your prayers to help me stand as you all know school is a hard place. Pray that all of my family will be ready to go when Jesus comes.

Your little brother in Christ, Samuel Watford, Orlando, Fla.

Please pray for me to be healed of a hurting in my right side and for me to receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my boys and girls to see the light and to surrender to the Lord before it is too late. I am located in a community where holiness has never been preached and I am the only one here who believes God is letting the people tell us. The Lord is blessing in the singing and is giving good liberty in preaching the Word. We are looking for an old time pentecostal revival here before the meeting closes. An invitation is extended to all of God's people near enough to come over and help us. The end of the meeting can't be seen yet. Pray for us and that souls will be saved in great numbers. Any one wishing to write us, may address S. Gen. Del., Hazlehurst, Ga. for the next two weeks.—Yours for lost souls, S. F. Beard.

I am now located at Gilbert, La. for next year. I need your prayer that I may be healed of kidney trouble. Pray that God will use me to His glory here. We are having many calls

To whom it may concern in the Memphis District: The district is from Mississippi to Kentucky and from the Tennessee River to the Mississippi River, known as West Tennessee.

If you need my service in revivals or meetings, please let me know and I will do the best I can for you. We

Yours trusting and waiting on the Lord, Ella Brewer, Rt. 1, Ruth, Miss.

**AS CHRISTMAS NEARS**

Floyd S. Deese

As Christmas comes so nigh and near  
It brings to us great joy and cheer.  
The star the wise men saw one night  
Is the one that shines in my heart so bright.

Let us praise the Lord, one and all,  
For the star that's shining for the great and small,  
Glory to God in the highest  
For the star that shines the brightest.

Let us praise Him for His love  
For the brightest star above;

Glory and honor to Jesus of Bethlehem  
Peace and good will toward all men.

**CHRISTMAS**

the Hebrew word for gift—God's gift of Christ to the world. Now the word embraces the season about the actual birthday as well as the day.

Strange to say unbelievers began to keep Christmas too, and soon all over the world it was Christmas. Christians in the land of the fir tree and pine, Christmas in the land of the palm tree and vine, everywhere, everywhere Christmas. Some do not keep the day in the worshipful way, but all save the Jews honor it as the birthday of our Savior. Washington's birthday we may forget, but did you ever hear anyone ask, "What day is today?" when that day was Christmas?

There's something about the very word Christmas that thrills us. Thoughts of it warm the heart, memories of it make us grow tender. Some men turn almost involuntarily to lend a helping hand to his fellowmen. But of such deeds have come some of our most beautiful Christmas carols. What sweeter sentiment could there be than that expressed in the old English carol?

"Good King Winslow's lord looked out upon the feast of Stephen While the snow lay round about so deep and crisp and even. Brightly shone the moon that night though the frost was cruel As a poor man came in sight gathering fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me, if thou knowest it, telling Yonder goodman who is he, where and what his dwelling? Sire, he lives a good league off, right against the mountain Where the snow lies deepest, sir, 'gainst Saint Agnes fountain,

"Forth they went into the night tho' the wind blew faster, Carrying the fuel, servant following his master."

And just as surely as the squire gave of himself and his possession to the poor, even so as the wise men of old gave gifts to the Christchild, the squire likewise gave gifts to the Babe, for He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brother, ye have done it unto me."

Much commercialized giving has entered into the Christmas season of today, but to the Christian the spirit of giving should be the same, gifts, love gifts, given in the scriptural way, expressive of our appreciation of God's great gift to us.

Christmas due to foreign influence, has become a season of frolic all too much. It has been a time when children were thought of especially and their pleasures sought. How happy children are at Christmas! How merry their laughter! And older folks' eyes become misty as they think of Christmases past, waiting, as they are, for that glad Christmas Day when in the King's house they shall share the celebration of His birthday with Him.

Beautiful songs expressive of Christ's love and filled with Christmas sentiment have come down through the year. Some of these reminiscences of the years of the early Christmases as "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" and other songs are sung by Christians at the Christmas season to honor His birthday, even looking forward to the day when they shall sing songs of praise in the New Jerusalem.

Elaborate preparations of expensive viands are also made among Christians and unbelievers alike. This is proper and right if we invite the Lord Jesus into our feasts and ask His blessing upon our food and if we share with those who have not of their own.

In all of our preparation of gifts, of songs, of food, and of beautifying our hearts and homes, let us not forget to make room for the Christ in our hearts and to urge others to make room for Him also. Then when the earth is blanketed in snow and everything in holiday attire and the whole world joyous and loving toward one another, in some quiet hour a new star shall

## Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings Of Great Joy

Luke 2:10.  
John L. Stephens

A Christmas and New Year's message to God's people, and to all I would like to send cheer. Gloom and despondency fill the hearts of many of earth's inhabitants today. To the ministers I would say, While the wealthy of the world spend the holidays in glee should we not try to cheer the poor and needy with the message of Him who is able to make glad? for it seems that if there ever was a time when many were in need of the message of cheer it is today.

Owing to the condition of the country many are downcast and need help (and of course more than this world is able to give). I've often thought of the zeal that fills the hearts of God's people when first blessed of Him. Even though not called to preach one wants to testify and tell others. I feel sometimes almost like praying the

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## ABBE, SAVIOR, AND KING

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are ringing,  
Oh when shall I join them and ever  
be singing?

Triumphantly ride in thy chariot victorius  
And conquer with love, O Jesus, all glorious.

Thy banners unfurl, let the nations surrender  
And own Thee their Savior, their God, and Defender.

During this season of the year, our minds go back to a beautiful story of the little Babe of Bethlehem who came into the world, poor and lowly, whose cradle was a manger because there was no room in the inn for Him. Many people today have no room in their hearts and lives for Jesus. If we have no room for Jesus in this life, there will be no room for us in those mansions He has gone to prepare for all who believe on His name.

A picture appears before our eyes just now how Cold in His cradle the dewdrops are shining,

Low lies His head with the beast of the stall,

Though angels adore Him in slumber reclining,

Because it was Jesus the Savior of all. Throughout the Savior's life we trace. Nothing but love and boundless grace. No period else is seen.

Till He a spotless victim fell, Tasting in soul the pangs of hell Caused by the creatures' sin.

On the cold ground methinks I see My Savior kneel and pray for me,

For this I'll Him adore,

Seized with chilly sweat throughout Blood drops at it were did force their

passage out

Through every open pore.

The piercing thorns His temples bore His back with lashes was all torn.

Mocking, they pushed Him here and there,

Marking His way with blood and tears,

Pressed by the heavy tree.

Thus up the hill He painfully came Round Him they mocked and made their game,

At length His cross they raised.

Thus veiled in humanity He dies In anguish on the tree.

What tongue His grief can tell?

The shuddering rocks their heads re-cline

The morning star refused to shine When the Redeemer fell.

How calm and beautiful the morn That gilds the sacred tomb

Thereon the Crucified was borne And veiled in midnight gloom.

Oh weep no more for the Savior slain.

The Lord is risen, He lives again.

Yes, bless His name, He who was once dead is alive forever more and has gone back to heaven to prepare a place for all who love Him. And He said when He went away He would come again for His own. He is not coming back to be rejected of man any more, but He's coming with power and glory and every eye shall see Him. Yes, even those who pierced Him shall look upon Him. The wicked shall pray for the rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of the Lord. He is not coming as King of the Jews only but He is coming as King of kings and Lord of lords. He will not be pillow'd in a manger for He is coming on clouds of great glory with thousands of angels singing, Alleluia, salvation, and glory, and honor. He will not be clothed in the purple robe any more to be mocked and spit on, but He will be clothed in a vesture dipped in blood and His name shall be called The Word of God. Rev. 19:13.

We read in Rev. 21:7, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things." If we are faithful unto death He said He would give us the crown of life. So let us pray that we enter not into temptation and live a life that will be counted worthy to partake of the river and tree of life that we are told

## THE STAR OF LOVE

(Continued from page one) ox and the ass, emblems of man's untamed, rebellious nature, yet they owning more than man their master's crib.

Let us view the scene: Christ wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. Christ would here put a contempt upon all worldly glory, and you may be tempted to ask, Is this the Christ? with no one seemingly to welcome Him and no splendid hosts of pomp and power announced His royal birth. Yes! Far greater—an angel choir proclaimed the news to earth, and seeing His birth announcement by angels, we declared, Surely this is He. It cannot be no other, of whom it was said, Heb. 1:6, "Let all the angels of God worship him."

Let us next notice to whom the announcement was made. Not to those in palaces who like the Laodicean church said, "We are rich and have need of nothing." But to humble shepherds who were abiding in the field keeping watch over their flocks by night. The angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone around about them and they were sore afraid. Let us view the scene of the shepherds and also think of the shepherds of today. God help us as ministers and shepherds of today to keep watch, keep on our guard, keep awake and always be on the alert. And they were sore afraid. Just so we are apt to become afraid and fail to press forward. God give us grace. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not." Oh! what admonition what comfort, what cheer if we keep in the right attitude. Thank God, we may still hear this same message today in the sweetest tone. Such music, there is none sweeter! When cares, when sorrows, when adversities, when perplexing problems confront us, we may still find consolation for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord.

Next, the angels' Doxology, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Christ was born in the night, the night being a clear type of the moral darkness of this world, but He came as a light to brighten this old world, and, praise His name, He has changed my darkness into day. Oh glory!

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us go now even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." No time to loose, sinner friend. Now is the accepted time, today is the day of salvation, tomorrow is a long way off. We should value our golden moments for once they are gone they are gone forever. This old year will be soon passing out and many are passing with it, but if you will use the faculty of hearing which God has given you, this message of "fear not" will be sweet to you and will be a consolation when you are leaving or passing from this world. No time to loiter. "They came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."

No room for Him in the inn as kings and palaces and public assemblies of today. Have you room for Christ? Says one, "I have been such a sinner I feel my heart has been a den of devils." Well the manger had been a place where beasts fed. Never mind what the past has been, He can forgive. Room for Jesus, I hear His herald cry, room for Christ! My Master wants room in the heart, life, business, our daily walks. Have you room? Oh! Spirit of God lead mankind to say, "Yes." One would naturally think that He would have room since He, the Christ, the Son of God, was to be brought into this world. One would justly expect that He would be received with all ceremonies possible and that the princes would become His humble servants, but we see none of this. Instead we find old King Herod seeking His life. Herod, a man made up with falsehood and cruelty, and yet we find him possessing the title of "Herod the Great." Strange a bawd would worry an old king! But we hear him inquiring where Jesus was to be born. Many a good question is put with an ill design, "that I may come and worship him." This might look suspicious if he did not conceal it with a cloak of religion, but this will do no good in the day of judgment. Let us heed the message, fear not.

They listened, those wondering shepherds, shepherds of old, They trembled to hear the glad tidings the angels told; And oh, those sweet voices that awakened in Rev. 22. "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

The Lord said, "Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." I'm so glad I've drunk from the fountain that never runs dry and I rejoice to know my name is written in heaven. I owe my all to Jesus and my whole heart's desire is to win souls for His kingdom and be ready with my lamp full of oil and burning brightly at any time. He should come or call for me. "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. \* \* \* Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Rev. 22:20.

## Bible Training School

### Department

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## Not Discouraged, But Encouraged

B. T. S.

"For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

I am so glad I can say I am not ashamed of Jesus for I have been redeemed from eternal death. I have prayed for sometime that I might come to B. T. S. and study the Word of God and other subjects which help us in the work of the Lord. I am glad my prayers have been answered, I am now at B. T. S. And say, it is not all study, the Lord is with us many times and we can shout and praise the Lord. Everyone who reads this please pray for us. My motto is, Not discouraged, but encouraged! —From one who loves the B. T. S. and teachers, Charles Dugger, 1023 W. Jackson St., Orlando, Fla.

## Feel Like I Never Want To Leave

B. T. S.

I thank God for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost, something that will keep us every day of our lives free from sin. I also thank God because I am here in Bible School. It is so good for the young people to train themselves to do God's work at any and all times. I feel like this is the best place on earth to prepare for God's work. It seems like you can get so many good blessings from the Lord.

Sometimes I get a little blue, but when Friday afternoon comes, and Friday nights more especially, and the Lord gives us a blessing, I feel like I will never want to leave. If I do not get to stay any longer than Christmas, I have been well paid for coming. I ask the Evangel readers to pray for me that I will hold out faithfully to the end.—Lowell McCoy.

FEED OUR HUNGRY SOULS

B. T. S.

I truly am thankful for the opportunity I have of praising the Lord thru this well loved paper, the Evangel. I have many things for which to thank God. Among them are, first, Christ; second, saving grace; third, life; fourth, food and raiment; fifth, life after death; and sixth, a home in the skies. I have many more for which to thank God. I can never thank or repay Him enough for what He's done for me. He's dear to my heart. I am glad for the opportunity I have of coming to the Training School.

The blessings we receive at school make my heart rejoice. The Friday

ened that morn To tell in Judea that Jesus was born; The message was carried to regions afar.

The wise men were led by the illuminant star.

These wise men are known as three kings, Melchior of Arabia, the land of gold; Balthasar of Sabe which was sweet with frankincense; and Gasper from the kingdom of Tharsis, a land of much myrrh. These men traveled across the plains toward the hills of the Holy City, guided by a star, happy to know all were on the same mission.

Their mode of travel was slow, being by caravan or camel. Oh what joy when they rode into Jerusalem and inquired where Jesus was to be born.

"For," said they, "we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." They left Jerusalem guided by the star to the place where the Christ child lay and falling down worshipped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh. Oh that spirit of giving! John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." How silently this wondrous gift was given, so God imparts to human hearts the blessing of His heaven. No ear may hear His coming but in this world of sin where meek souls will still receive Him the dear Christ enters in. Let us not forget that Christmas stands for Christ, the great gift of God to mankind. All other gifts will perish in time but the world's best gift will endure through all eternity.

When the star of Bethlehem shone above the watching shepherds of old it was a symbol of light to a world in darkness. Since then the Messiah's glorious star of love has been shining for every one of us to guide us to the land where Christ is waiting our coming and I pray that you may be filled with His peace and good will which is offered freely to all who follow His guiding star of love. Father, help us to become as little children at this Christmas season, gentle, calm, pure, and truthful, seeking the Christ's power and perchance in the hush of night the angels may draw nigh that our hearts may be pure and childlike so they will not pass us by. Amen.

## HEAVEN'S GIFT

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able gifts but it is in token of love and honor to Him who gave Himself to us that we in turn give gifts to others. Some have said it is of pagan origin or of Catholic origin. What difference does that make to us? Are we to leave off honoring and praising God and fail to observe not only Christmas day but Mother's Day, Father's day and in fact, any day that brings gladness and happiness and renew our minds and cheers the hearts of our friends, just because the pagans and Catholics do the same? I feel that the real Christian ought to take the lead in celebrating this day. "Oh," they say, "this is not the birthday of Christ, it couldn't have been." Some say it is too cold for shepherds to be out at night. You must remember that this country in which He was born is a semi-tropical country. They don't have the hard winter seasons that we have here. It is near the border line of a tropical climate and this day is as near the birthday of Christ as record and human efforts can find.

In Asiatic countries where observance is confined to a few Christians celebration is somewhat limited, but in Europe where Christmas is the most important day of the year there are many Christian customs. In the old world where we get the Christmas stocking, the carol and many other Christmas festivals, Italy first hung up stockings. Years ago it was the habit of the generous people to throw gifts thru the open windows of homes of the poor people. It is said that purses were given to the poor. These purses were of knit material and very long. Their shape was roughly that of a stocking. A little later these purses went out of style and a stocking was used instead. These stockings were hung from open windows at night for three or four days before Christmas and were filled by the more fortunate. The idea of hanging the stocking at the fireplace came from northern Europe, where the winter was too cold to leave the windows up all night. The Christmas tree is mentioned by a traveler who was going thru Alsace in 1605. He wrote his friends that it was a very pretty tree as it stood there decorated with paper flowers, sugar plums, oranges and toys. A table set beside it covered with presents. In 1562 Thomas Tysdale was given permission to publish a collection of good carols to be sung to the glory of God, and in 1661 there appeared a new collection of carols by another English author.

About Jesus and told me of His love for human hearts and when I arrived at the age that I found out that Santa Claus was a fake it never changed my views of Christ and never lessened my love and respect for One so great. I looked upon the little deception practiced in the home as something to make the little fellows happy and, in fact, my love for home, mother and father was not diminished. My love for God's greatest gift was increased. I feel that if we were to fail to sing carols and praise and honor Him in a time like this, God would be displeased. Since I have had the Holy Ghost we have never taught our children that there was a Santa Claus, I think this is a mistake. We should not teach them that, but we should teach them to give and make others happy thereby in turn thank our heavenly Father and Jesus our Savior. And I believe this is a good way to point others to the Lamb of God.

Christmas brings to earth different messages. First it speaks to us as a serious message as to the fleetness of time. Each Christmas is like the passing of a mile stone of life. There is much work for each of us to do. The night cometh when no man can work. We pass the years as an express train glides by the telephone poles. When each one is passed it lies back and there beyond recall. It is the same with our opportunities when we let them slip. The Christmas season tells of neglected opportunities. It brings a message telling of a new gift of God. It also reminds us that God gave His Son, our personal Savior. It brings to us a message of our obligations to our loved ones and to the poor. I feel that our gifts should be the needy for it was to the needy and lost that Jesus came as a gift. The angels are interested in us and they came on the scene and sang the first Christmas carol. The wise men came and gave Him gifts. This shows that God ordered this celebration and it is of divine origin. It makes no difference what others may say and what claims they lay on the celebration of this day, it began by a heavenly host directed by God Himself. Again this Christmas brings a message as to the way in which Christ delights to have Christians observe it. I am sure He would not lessen in any degree the mirth of childhood, that He would not chide us for remembering sadly the dear faces of the departed ones, but He would have us think a little more kindly of others, forgiving all who have wronged us, speaking somewhat more gently to our loved ones, remembering generally the poor, the friendless, less favored than we are, doing all in our power to make every one happy. Oh, what a glad, happy thought of the blessings Jesus brought to our hearts.

I read the story of a gathering of thousands of people. They had met to raise money for the world's fair. Some trained singers sang operatic songs. Finally one sang "Annie Laura" and there was no response. At last one sweet singer arose and started that good old hymn, "The Gates Ajar For Me." The crowd arose with applause and in just a short space of time the needed amount was given. Oh, how glad I am that the gates were left ajar for me and it was by God's gift that you and I have the grand privilege of the glorious hope of entering into the gates that are left ajar.

brightened by its ruddy glow? Where are they as we count them one by one? Some have gone to lands far distant and with strangers made their home. Others upon the world of water all their lives are forced to roam. Some have gone from us forever, longer here they could not stay; They have reached a fairer region far away.

We are left, some of us, almost alone as far as our childhood acquaintances are concerned. We have grown older and the years are swiftly passing one by one and we realize that we too will soon have to go the ways of all the earth and be numbered with those who have left us behind. Since last Christmas millions have gone on, some possibly very near and dear to you, but we are left here for some purpose best known to Him who doeth all things well.

This may be the last Christmas we will have to enjoy in this life so may we use it in honoring Him who came more than nineteen hundred years ago and gave Himself a ransom for us. Wishing the Evangel readers a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## He Said He Would Never Leave Us Alone

Greetings in Jesus' name to the Evangel readers everywhere. While I sit and meditate on God's Holy Word this dark and cloudy afternoon, I am glad we can have the light of the morning in our souls. I praise God because I am one of God's little children and feel sure of heaven as I continue in the good old way of holiness. Jesus said He would never leave us alone. He even promises to go with us unto the end of the world.

I left Taylor, Ala. in September and came to Albion, Ga. I stayed with the saints there about a week and preached for them. No one got saved but the saints were built up. There are some good people there and I learned to love them. May God bless the pastor and each one of them. We came to Tiger, Ga. and stayed a few days, then on to Cornelia. Had a few days' service at Alto and three got sanctified in one night. We went down to Jefferson, Ga. and was there awhile, then came to Anderson, S. C. I am here at present. I am a Church of God preacher, hold papers with the Church of God, Headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn., S. W. Latimer, General Overseer. I am called to preach the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I have felt the calling from a child. My heart is in the work. My family is small, just wife, one child and I. If any church needs a pastor, let me know. I hope to hear from some one soon. May God bless each of you.—A brother, J. C. Pruitt, Appleton Mill Store, Anderson, S. C.

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# Obituaries

## ROUSE

On Nov. 30, 1930 the death angel visited the home of E. L. Rouse and claimed his mother, Mrs. E. E. Rouse. She was eighty-nine years, eleven months and fourteen days old. Grandmother was loved by all who knew her. She belonged to the Methodist church and professed salvation and we weep not as those who have no hope for our loss is heaven's gain. She leaves to mourn her death two sons, eighty-two grandchildren and many other relatives and many friends. The funeral was held at the church by W. C. Rahn. Grandmother is gone but not forgotten.

Dear Grandma, you have left us, We know that life was brief, But how your leaving pained us, It filled our hearts with grief.

When we saw you in your casket, Lying there so still and quiet, You seemed to be an angel, darling, With wings of snowy white.—One who loved her, her granddaughter, Mrs. Bessie McDaniel, Waresboro, Ga.

## BROWN

On Oct. 29, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Clevia Raper and claimed for its victim her loving sister, Miss Gracy Brown age sixteen years, two months and twelve days. Her suffering was great but she bore it with patience. Her death was caused from typhoid fever. All was done for her that loving hands could do but God saw best to call her away from this world of sorrow to a beautiful land where no sickness or death ever comes. She was ready to go to be with Jesus. She leaves to mourn her death a father, mother, three brothers, two sisters and other relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by the writer and her body laid to rest in the Condon Grove cemetery to await the morning of the resurrection.—Mrs. Lillie Lyons, Ravia, Okla.

## HARRISON

On Nov. 17, 1930 the death angel visited the State University hospital and claimed for its victim Mrs. Jennie Viola Harrison, wife of Mr. Floyd Harrison. She had been in bad health for a long time. Her husband sent her to the hospital with hopes of her returning home in good health. She passed away while on the operating table being operated on for goiter. She left a testimony with her loved ones that she was saved and ready to go. Her desire was to unite with the church and be baptized but the great God who doeth all things well saw best to call her to that beautiful place called heaven where we'll never see a broken hearted companion weeping over a departed loved one. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, one little girl, father, mother, five brothers, three sisters and a host of other relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by the writer and her body laid to rest in the Tishomingo cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is stilled, A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled.—Mrs. Lillie Lyons, Ravia, Okla.

## ARMBRISTER

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1930, the death angel visited the home of Mrs. H. L. Carper and claimed for its victim her beloved father, Brother Armbister, age seventy years. He leaves to mourn eight children, five sons, and three daughters. He was a good man. He was saved in early life and lived a good, clean life all the way thru. He would often have the Church of God people to pray for the healing of his body. All was done that loving hands could do but the Lord knew best. Brother Armbister said he was ready to go any time the Lord called.

On that bright celestial day I hope to meet you, dear father, When Jesus comes To catch His chosen ones away. —Mrs. W. M. Lyons, Pulaski, Va.

## SELF

The death angel visited the home of Mr. Eldridge Self Nov. 24 and claimed his wife, Ruby, for its victim. She was twenty-nine years old. Her death was caused from a burn she received about four weeks before. All was done that loving hands could do but the Lord saw best to take her home. She was loved by all who knew her. She was saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and was a member of the Church of God at Hendrix, Ala. She leaves to mourn a husband, four small children, father, mother, three brothers, four sisters and other relatives and friends. Her body was laid to rest in the Rosa cemetery. One who loved her, Miss Minnie Wynn, Rt. 5, Oneonta, Ala.

## BUSBEE

Oh how our hearts were saddened on Oct. 5, 1930 when our dear mother laid this armor down and went home to rest. She was born Aug. 12, 1857. Her maiden name was Mary Anne Rebecca Lassiter. She married Mack H. Busbee Nov. 16, 1875 and to this union were born eleven children, fifty-eight grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. She was a good, charitable Christian worker from girlhood, her father being a Freewill Baptist minister. She travelled with him helping in the gospel work and later she united

## The Pilgrimage To Bethlehem

T. L. Willix

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." Luke 2:15.

Bethlehem or "The House of Bread" was a small village six miles south of Jerusalem on the way to Hebron. It never was a place of much importance. Micah calls it the least among the thousands of Judah. It is not mentioned in any of the catalogues of Judah's great cities, yet to the student of the Bible its interest is surpassingly great. In this district lay the fields of Boaz in which Ruth gleaned. Here the son of Obed was born. David was also anointed in this city to be king of Israel. But greatest of all here was where the Savior of all the world was to be born. "The House of Bread" should be the birthplace of Him who was to come down from heaven to be the bread of life for men.

While the angels' message is still ringing in our ears, let us imitate the pious shepherds and now go even unto Bethlehem in thought and see the things which have come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

The shepherds were at their post of duty at this time, otherwise they would have never known there would be a King born in the little city, "The House of Bread," that night. The angel said, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." The sheepherds left their flocks, in whose care we do not know, and journeyed on toward the little city, "The House of Bread." They found as the angel had said the babe lying in a manger. There being no room for them in the hotel that night, Joseph and Mary were forced to spend the night in the place where the stock were kept.

The inn is usually built around a yard, having a well or fountain, and entered by a gate which can be closed against intruders at night. The baggage and animals occupy the lower rooms for the people, the upper and better chambers. When the upper rooms were full of crowds at feast time the late comers would be obliged to take a lower room among the animals.

From the commencement of her history Israel had been taught to link her destiny with the future. Her true position and power as a nation was to realize when Abraham's seed should be born, when the prophet like unto Moses should be revealed, when the great High Priest of whom Aaron was a type should stand and minister in her midst at God's altar, when David's Son should sit upon His Father's throne, the very Son of God whom the great line of prophets had written about from John the Baptist all the way back to Moses in the wilderness.

He who was to be born King of the Jews was born in Bethlehem of Judah. Think of it! He who only belongs to the very highest order of being, the eternal One is He, wonderful Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, He that was incarnated in the human flesh and born as any other child.

Should we celebrate His birth? I say, Yes, ten thousand times, with the very highest honors anyone can give to anyone. Give honors to the King who can save the soul and heal the

## He Has Promised Never To Leave or Forsake His Children

MEREDOSIA, Ill.—I want to thank and praise the Lord this morning for what He is to me. He has been so wonderfully good to me I can never praise Him enough. I'm so thankful that He ever saw fit to save my soul and turn my feet toward the Glory World. I'm not a member of the Church of God but I believe in its teachings. I don't have the privilege of being in good services. The way seems hard sometimes but He has promised never to leave or forsake us. Praise His name! There is no Church of God at this place and it is a needy place for the plain old gospel to be preached. I feel the need of prayer. Please pray that I may be able to receive the Holy Ghost and ever be found doing the will of God.—A sister, Mrs. W. R. Titshaw.

## SET THE CAPTIVE FREE

CAIRO, Ga.—In March 1930 when our little seven year old girl was sitting in her father's lap with death staring her in the face from caused from measles, I ran out of the room screaming. I looked and saw Brother J. A. Hippo and Brother Jim Owens driving up. I met them and told Brother Hippo my child was dying. They went into the house. I went to the wash shelter. I was continually praying and listening for what I would hear next. I could hear them praying no louder than some one talking. In just a little while everything in the house was quite. About this time I felt the Spirit quicken my body all over, bidding me my child was healed. I stood up, wiped my eyes and said, Lord, how can everything be well like it was? I remembered the widow's son being delivered to his mother after he was dead. I said, I know it is even so, Lord. I went into the house and beheld my child standing in the floor. She had put on her slippers and walked over the house. She grew worse and we called Brother Hippo back. The child got easy but seemed weak. She stayed in this condition until nine o'clock the next morning. She revived and dressed herself. God moved the mountain and set the captive free.

We praise God for sending Brother J. B. Weeks to our rescue in 1927 to lead us to the true gospel that we might lay hold on eternal life and the wonderful healing God had for us. I had suffered eleven years, had had nine operations, and was still eating sweet milk and toast, taking medicine four and five times daily. Through the night God so wonderfully saved, sanctified, baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and healed my body. My husband also has the Holy Ghost. From that time we have had our heads pillow'd on God's eternal Word, trusting our entire family in God's big hand, knowing His dear promises no human tongue can change, and every creeping, crawling, living thing is at God's great command. We covet the prayers of God's children that our lives will speak a testimony wherever we are.—Mrs. H. G. Hudson.

body at a word, He who can cast out about six thousand devils out of one human being as He did with the man at the tombs. Luke 8:29. I say, Give honor and glory to Him in the highest. Amen.

## Mission Department

Material for this department should be mailed to Zeno C. Tharp, Mission Secretary, 203 Parris Ave., Greenville, S. C.

## A GREAT NEED

"PRESENT EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS LATIN AMERICA CONSTITUTE TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS GIVE BRAZIL WORD OF GOD DOORS AND HEARTS OPEN—UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY DEEPLY GRATEFUL TESTAMENTS ALREADY DISPATCHED BUT URGENTLY NEED MORE—APPEAL ALL CHRISTIANS GIVE ONE OR MORE COPIES—TIME SHORT—MULTITUDES PERISHING—SEND BOOKS QUICKLY.—FREDERICK GLASS."

The above cablegram was sent to "The Million Testament Campaign" in Philadelphia, Pa. and printed in the "Wonderful Word" last month. For three hundred years Latin America has been deprived of the Word of God while we have enjoyed its blessings. At the present time the demand is great. A special call for 200,000 is being given. Would it not be a good time for us to send a missionary to that country? For the last few years Brazil has been laid upon the hearts of many who have the missionary spirit. I believe the demand is greater than ever before. There is a great flood of false teaching being forced upon the people. A tireless effort is being made by those who are against the Bible. Even in our schools and universities a decided stand is being made against the inspiration of the

in Warfield, Ky. as never before. May all of God's saints believe, that the signs may follow as Jesus said they would follow believers, Mark 16:17.—Yours for Jesus and the Church of God, Jack Sumner.

## ORPHANAGE REPORT

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S. W. Latimer, T. L. McLain,

I. C. Barrett.

Nov. 1st to 30th

S. S. Crown, W. Va. \$3c; S. S. Olney, Ill. \$2.47; S. S. Carrier Mills, Ill. \$3.85; S. S. Ryer, Dak. \$7.32; S. S. Somerset, Pa. 8ic; S. S. Graves Chapel, Tenn. \$2.50; S. S. Kingston, N. C. \$1.20; S. S. Anderson, S. C. 69c; S. S. Omaha, Ark. \$1.40; Church, St. Joseph, Mo. \$4.66; Church, Shelby, N. C. 55c; S. S. Shelby, N. C. 26c; S. S. Petersburg, W. Va. \$1.00; S. S. Bunker Hill, S. C. \$1.00; S. S. Charlotte, N. C. \$2.93; S. S. Hartwell, Ga. 83c; Church, Cambridge, Md. \$8.06; S. S. Cambridge Md. 90c; S. S. Draper, N. C. \$2.88; S. S. Youngstown, Ohio. \$4.10; S. S. Somerset, Ky. 30c; Ova Yates, Crab Orchard, Tenn. \$2.00; E. A. Pitts, The Rock, Ga. \$5.00; S. S. Kannapolis, N. C. \$4.00; S. S. Walhalla (country), S. C. 61c; S. S. Columbus, Ga. \$1.00; S. S. Seaford, Del. \$3.16; S. S. Waycross, Ga. 41c; S. S. Shamrock, Tex. 43c; S. S. Joplin, Mo. \$2.30; S. S. Oak Grove, Miss. 92c; S. S. Summit, Ala. \$2.16; T. P. Douglas, Miami, Fla. \$15.87; Church, Tellico Plains, Tenn. 16c; S. S. Double Springs, Ala. 89c; S. S. Berryhill, Ga. \$2.00; S. S. McVeigh, Ky. \$3.24; S. S. Liberty, Ala. 95c; S. S. Largo, Fla. \$5.05; S. S. Largo, Fla. \$5.05; S. S. Sulphur Springs, Fla. \$2.39; S. S. Rome, Ga. \$2.38; S. S. Lawrenceville, Ill. \$1.00; S. S. Easton, Md. \$5.30; S. S. Sebewa, Mich. \$2.06; Church, Ranger, Texas, 48c; S. S. Willspoint Tex. \$1.00; S. S. Paragould, Ark. 60c; S. S. Ravenna, Calif. \$5.10; S. S. Baldwin Park, Calif. \$2.15; S. S. Marked Tree, Ark. \$1.42; S. S. Branford, Fla. 72c; S. S. Okeechobee, Fla. \$3.56; S. S. Zellwood, Fla. 48c; Romie Huffstutter, King Mountain, N. C. 50c; G. W. Hummingbird, Taboro, N. C. 75c; Church, Evarts, Ky. 45c; S. S. Cincinnati, Ohio. \$6.00; S. S. Faxon, Okla. 16c; Church, Wahalla (town), S. C. \$2.80; S. S. Lubbock, Texas, 15c; S. S. Uhrichsville, Ohio, 88c; S. S. Paris, Tex. \$1.94; S. S. Bridgeport, Ill. 35c; S. S. Pleasant Hill, Miss. 17c; S. S. Thorn, Miss. 98c; S. S. Mainder Ridge, Md. 51c; S. S. Dillon, N. C. 317; S. S. Lancaster, Ohio. \$1.14; S. S. Lawton, Okla. \$2.24; S. S. Fruitland, Md. \$1.01; S. S. Berthold, N.

## MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

Lorena Basham, McCamey, Texas—1 misses' dress, 4 children's dresses, 1 pr. bloomers.

S. S. Willspoint, Texas—1 quilt, 1 baby blanket, 1 pr. shoes, 2 slips for

J. R. Brown and Co., Cleveland, Tenn.—4 doz. work socks.

Fleetwood S. S. Peterson, Ala.—1 quilt.

## Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings Of Great Joy

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prayer, O Lord, renew this zeal in the hearts of every member of the Church of God. While some may have been encouraged to go preach and yet not called, no doubt there is a message that every child of God may tell, and may God bless us every one on this Christmas with the message of cheer to some one. We may not be able to cheer with gifts but we can tell that those blessed of our Lord will be blessed above that which money can buy. An old soldier once blessed in our meeting made the remark that that was the happiest day on earth for him; another, blessed on one Christmas Day, stated that was the best Christmas in life for him. Still another, blessed on the Fourth of July, said that was the best Fourth of July of his life.

It is true that the country over is in a serious condition, crops have failed, prices failed, business of different kinds failed, even some of the largest banking institutions of the country have failed, men have failed, but God has never failed. The condition of the country at present, I fully believe, makes the present an opportunity to reach many with the gospel. While this does not mean, yet we are a people who have learned to get along on meager fare, I believe that the God-called man who obeys, and keeps the victory will have to preach. Paul seemed to have continued (as did the other apostles of his day) regardless of his condition, or the surrounding conditions. Even though in bonds, bound in the spirit, having the witness that afflictions awaited him, yet listen what he has to say, NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE ME, Acts 20:24. Neither did he seem to have time to wait for a SPECIAL CALL or place but rather strived to preach where Christ had not been named for he wished to finish his course with joy. Also Stephen, one chosen to look after affairs at home, didn't cease to tell the story. It has been said, The BUSY PREACHER is the preacher with the message, the spiritual preacher, and the preacher in demand. In the business world it is said that smart men are seldom found idle. Who has a greater job than God's servant? who has a more important one? who has a higher one? who has so much to do? who then should be smarter and busier than a Church of God preacher? There is certainly plenty to do, and such little time to do it in. I have never understood that the God-called man has time to entangle himself with the affairs of this life.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or you throughout the new year. Amen.

Only recently we were told by one of our preachers about how his faithful members were blessed with health and employment while others had layoffs, short time, and some, no jobs. AMEN, it pays to be faithful. Some time ago I heard of a member of the Church who asked to be excluded, stating he was selling goods and wanted to make money, handle and sell tobacco, and he was let go. He made money and prospered for awhile but soon trouble overtook him and he had to spend largely his savings, then he came back confessing and desiring to be restored to the Church. Well, if we will do certain things.

To our good people in the state of North Carolina: We want to insist that every local church observe New Year's watch night service, and if not convenient for all to gather at the church, even at home let's all join in praise and thanksgiving to God for His unspeakable gifts. Oh, we have so much to be grateful for. It was wonderful to note during the Assembly the good reports from over the states, in fact, God's people are blessed above all people. No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land, also another blessing is promised, one that we will not be able to receive, if we will do certain things.

Again, in this service it would be well that we each take somewhat of an inventory of our life. The Bible grants us this privilege. "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord," Lam. 3:40. "Examine yourselves, whether you be in the faith," 2 Cor. 13:5. "But let a man examine himself," 1 Cor. 11:28. "And forgive if ought against any," Mark 11:25.

Thus we will be able for the New Year to begin with a renewed covenant to behave ourselves in the house of God and to be loyal and faithful on every line. And I believe if this is observed by each of us it is possible (should life last) and Jesus tarries for the Church to almost double itself in the state of North Carolina during 1931. Amen.

May God bless every member in the state and help them to feel the spirit and fellowship of this as I do just now. This will cause the ministers and the clerk of each local church to make our monthly reports regularly and promptly on the first day of each month. Also we will not neglect the orphans nor the mission fund. While there may be other states in which the Church is stronger, yet we can be as loyal. Send the amount of state missions to the state treasurer, J. M. Snyder, Box 597, Kannapolis, N. C. Yours for redeeming the time and with a wish of cheer and good will for you throughout the new year. Amen.